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Dave Puthoff

The Division 7 Flea Market will be held on March 11 at the Lakota West Freshman School. Frank Koch will again be offering to sell your surplus items at the "White Elephant" table (10% of proceeds go to Division 7).

Details, including an Inventory Sheet, are included in this month's issue. This year we are emailing a separate Inventory Sheet at the same time as the February and March Oil Can issues, for members to fill out and email back to Frank. Filling out the separate spreadsheet will greatly help Frank keep track of your sales!

If you have a photo, or a useful tip, or maybe just a useful website that you would like to share, the Oilcan is an opportunity to share it with your fellow model railroaders. Email it to editor@cincy-div7.org.

Dave

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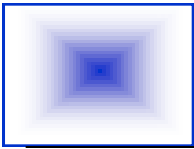
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Space permitting, The Oil Can welcomes news items, articles and letters on Model Railroading and related topics. Deadline for submissions is generally the fifteenth of the month preceding the next meeting.

Cover:

Scene from Dave Nenna's N-scale layout

Photo by John Burchnall



Well, not much else happened in my house over the past month as far as layout construction. I did make some further refinements on the layout design. I also installed some sound decoders in a couple of locomotives that have been sitting on a shelf since I acquired them in the auction during the 2005 National Convention. They sound pretty good running back and forth on the four foot long test track.

March is going to be a pretty busy month with activities available most every weekend. On March 4th, there will be a Train Show and Sale at the Ross school administrative building. The various modeling groups will have their layouts open for visitors. The show runs from 9 am to 2 pm. Admission is \$5. On March 4th and 5th EnterTrainment Junction will be having their Scale Model Expo. I've gone to this the last couple of years. It's interesting to see the modelling work people do on subjects other than trains. There are usually some highly detailed ship and airplane models. Hours are 10 am to 6 pm Saturday, and Noon to 4 pm Sunday. There is no admission charge for the Model Expo.

On March 11th, we will be holding our annual spring swap meet at the Lakota West Freshman School. As in years past, we will be looking to our members to provide help with the setup / takedown, and manning the admissions table during the show. Our vendors really appreciate the assistance we provide them during the load-in / load-out process. If you didn't get a chance to put your name on one of the sign-up sheets at the January meeting, they should be back out at the February meeting. Get there early, help with the setup, and prowl around looking for good bargains. If you have some stuff to sell, you can utilize the Division 7 White Elephant sales tables to free up some space on your train room shelves.

If very detailed modeling is your thing and you're willing to travel a little ways, there will be a Railroad Prototype Modelers meet in Greensburg, PA on March 24th and 25th. For further information, visit the website at http://hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm.

The next meeting of the Division 7 BOD will be on March 3rd. The meeting will be at Harmony Lodge starting at 7 pm. BOD meetings are open for any member to attend.

At the end of 2017, we will be having elections for the four executive officer positions in Division 7. The division regulations limit a person to 2 successive elected terms in a particular office. John Shields, Bruce Knapp, and I are term limited in our current positions. Treasurer Frank Koch is currently in his first elected term of office, having been appointed to the treasurer office in 2014 to fill out Laddie Henninger's second term of office. I'm sure there are people out there in the membership ranks who would like to get more involved in the operation of the division. If you are one of those people, talk to one us, or any of the other former officers, for more information on what is expected of the various officer positions.

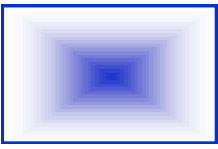
The January 1st edition of the NMRA eBulletin contained an acknowledgement of the \$10,000 donation Division 7 made to the Diamond Club Fund. The donation supports the efforts to scan all of the slides and other images for the NMRA Online Archives. The acknowledgement notes that Division 7 has donated over \$50,000 to the NMRA national over the past 30 years.

Sam Parfitt is looking to start having operating sessions again on his layout set in the Pacific Northwest. If you are interested, be sure to stop by Sam's house after the February meeting and give him your contact info.

See you at the meeting on February 12th.

Bob

Bob Shreve
Div 7 Superintendent



SECOND SECTION

John Shields
Asst. Super

Our January meeting was held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood on January 15th. Our clinician was Terry Luginbuhl who gave a talk on “DC versus DCC Basics”. There were a lot of good questions and engagement, and as you will read below, we intend to have Terry back to continue the discussion of DCC. After the meeting, we visited Jim Stewart’s Port Arthur Railway & Navigation Company, an HO layout set in the Pacific Northwest in the early 20th century; and Dave Nenna’s Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Tehachapi Subdivision, an N scale layout set in the 1990’s.

Looking ahead:

For February 2017, our meeting will be at the West Chester Library on Sunday February 12th. Our clinician will be Mark Albert and his topic will be modeling the iconic Crosley factory along I-75 (just south of I-74). The layout visits after the February meeting will be to Sam Parfitt’s HO Great Northern and to Ed Bley’s HO Pennsylvania RR Monongahela Division. I know Sam has been busy upgrading his motive power and installing lights in his cabooses and engines, and as of this week he is adding more trees (to keep his logging branch busy).

There is no meeting in March because of the annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School. Peter had signup sheets at the January meeting for the usual setup, tear down, and admissions jobs; and Brad had signups for the Division Booth; but more help is needed. You don’t have to wait until the February meeting to volunteer. Give them a call when you have your calendar available and agree on a time. The date of the Flea Market is Saturday March 11th and the time is 10:00am to 3:00pm.

On April 9th, we will be at Harmony Lodge in Spring Grove Village for a joint meeting with the Cincinnati Railroad Club. Our clinician will be Michael Abraham, from Blacksburg Virginia, who is the author of a new book called “Chasing the Powhatan Arrow; A Travelogue in Economic Geography”. As the title suggests, this is not just a book about trains, but about the region and the people who live there and how this has changed as the railroad service has changed. Layout visits will be to the O Scale Cincinnati Model Railway Club there at Harmony Lodge and to Dan Hadley’s HO Sierra Northern layout.

On May 7th, (Note: first Sunday – to avoid Mother’s Day) we will meet at St Matthias Catholic Church in Forest Park. This is ahead of the Regional Convention “The Pan American” which runs May 18-21 in Louisville. In June, we will be on the east side at Anderson Senior Center. In July, we will be up in Mason at St Susanna Church. And in August, we will be back at Good Shepherd in Kenwood. Between the July and August meetings, the NMRA National Convention will take place in Orlando. The dates this year are July 30th through August 6th.

As many of you probably know, I am a member of the Queen City N-Gineers, one of the six model railroad clubs that are located at the Ross School building on Route 128 south of Hamilton. As I write this in late January, our group has just completed an auction and sale of a collection that we were able to buy from a local modeler who was downsizing his layout. Based on that, I’m going to take part of my column this month to encourage those of you who are not part of a club (whether a formal group, or an operating group, or just some guys who help each other with their layouts) to consider joining some kind of a group.

Normally, I am pointing out the advantages of being in the NMRA and of attending our Division meetings; but if you spend most of your hobby time alone in your basement and workshop, coming out only once a month to our meeting, I guarantee you that you missing out on a lot of the fun that can be had in this hobby. Just as the Division offers the chance to see what other modelers have done, and to shop at our Fall Show and Spring Flea Market, and to go on our annual bus tour, and attend regional and national conventions; most clubs also have a series of events and activities that enhance the enjoyment of the hobby for their members. Our group meets twice a month to run trains or to visit each other’s home layouts. We usually get together before the run nights to eat. We attend at least one, sometimes more, out of town shows.

We have taken railroad themed trips, we have a modeling contest, we have had sales and auctions (sometimes to help the family of a member who has passed away), we have an open house to support the school that makes our space possible, and we share both modeling and prototype information with clinics at our meetings and informally whenever we are together. I would miss out on a lot of the enjoyment I get from this hobby if I holed up in my basement and did not interact with other modelers.

I hope to see you in West Chester on February the 12th.

John



**NMRA MCR DIV. 7
JANUARY 2017 CONTEST RESULTS**



MODELS: Caboose(s)

Box Stock:

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: CNRR Caboose #1241 2nd Place: Bruce Knapp: CB & Q Caboose # 14265
No Other Entries in this Category

Kitbashed:

1st Place: Bruce Knapp: AT & SF Caboose #1566
No Other Entries in this Category

Scratch Built:

No Entries in this Category

PHOTOGRAPHY: Caboose(s)

Print Prototype:

1st Place: Jim MacKnight: Union Pacific Caboose #3290
2nd Place: Bob Shreve: N & W Caboose #555055
3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: Hocking Valley (C & O Heritage) Caboose

Print Model:

1st Place: Bob Shreve: Virginian Caboose #4
2nd Place: John Listermann: B & O Caboose #2601
3rd Place: Jim MacKnight: D & RGW Bobber

Junior Division – No Entries Submitted in any Category

2017 STANDINGS – AS OF JANUARY

MODELS

Bruce Knapp 08

PHOTOGRAPHY

Bob Shreve 05
Jim MacKnight 05
John Listermann 02

JUNIOR DIVISION MODELS or PHOTOGRAPHY – No 2017 Entries

FEBRUARY 2017 CONTEST CATEGORIES -

MODELS: Hopper(s) – with or without load(s)

PHOTOGRAPHY: People Working On R.R.

Brad Jonas

NMRA, MCR, Div. 7 Contest Chair

NMRA MCR DIVISION 7 2016 AWARDS MODEL & PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Jim MacKnight
Overall Combined Points
1st Place Models
1st Place Photography



Chuck Endreola
Bruce Knapp
2nd Place Models



Tom Brueggemann, MMR
John Listermann
2nd Place Photography

DIVISION 7 CAR PROJECT SALES REPORT – January 24, 2017

Our 2015 car project, Chesapeake & Ohio 40' USRA single-sheathed boxcars, in four numbers, have sold 299 cars (69%) in 14 months. We need more exposure to sell the remaining 131 cars. The car data and photos are being posted on the C&O Historical Society's Yahoo site.

Our 2012 car project, Allegheny Midland 41'6" steel gondolas, in three numbers, has been available for 55 months, with 99% of 391 cars sold. We have only 3 cars available. This is a really fine kit from Accurail, with underbody brake details showing beneath the gondola body. It is easy to assemble, and looks great on any layout.

Our 2016 car project is Virginian & Ohio 40' steel, plug-door boxcars, in the traditional V&O blue, with damage-free loading symbols (DF-2). Four car numbers are available. Two cars are marked for paper lading only, and were built in 1951. Two other cars are marked for processed food loading only. These cars, built in 1948, were rebuilt in the V&O's shops in 1952 by adding plug doors and insulation.

These kits were manufactured in the USA by Accurail. We have sold 376 cars in 7 months (74%). Announcements have appeared in the NMRA Magazine's and Model Railroad News' October issues, and in Model Railroader's and Railroad Model Craftsman's November issues. We have 129 cars remaining in inventory.

Jim MacKnight
Car Projects Chairman

WHITE ELEPHANTS AT DIVISION 7 SPRING FLEA MARKET

White Elephants at the 2017 Spring Flea Market (Frank Koch) – I'm back again for any individual Division 7 members with items they wish to sell. Prepare an inventory showing your name, address, and telephone number and listing **each individual** item with a description and code so I can match it back to you and your **firm** asking price in **whole dollar amounts only**. **Each individual item must be clearly marked and priced as shown below**. If there is more than one of an item, list them **separately**. Put all your items in a bag or box and bring them to the show before it starts. I'll log them in, sell them, reconcile sales with left-over material, and calculate how much you get back.

The Division will keep 10% of actual sales. You can pick up your unsold material and money on Sunday right after the show closes. If you would like an electronic inventory form, send me an e-mail at fjkoch@hotmail.com with "elephant inventory" in the subject.

FJK - 12 \$10.00

Items are placed in the White Elephant Sale at your own risk. Neither Division 7 nor Frank Koch assumes any liability for any items damaged or stolen during the show, though we will provide due diligence for their safety. We will not accept items that are not prepared as indicated here. We cannot accept magazines. If you want to help out at some time during the flea market, let Frank know. We reserve the right to refuse any material that we deem unsuitable.

NEW - A separate Inventory Sheet has been emailed to you, along with this issue of the Oil Can. Help Frank by filling in this separate sheet with your items to sell, and email it back to Frank.

2017 Division 7 White Elephant Sale
 (10% of actual sales retained by Division 7)

2017

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

Initials	Item #	Short Description	Price (\$)	Sold	Office
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Total \$0.00 \$0.00

Cincinnati Division 7 2016 Financial Results and 2017 Budget

At the December 2016 BOD meeting, we reviewed and discussed the 2016 results and approved a budget for 2017.

The year was very positive as our three major fund raising projects – cars, flea market, and annual show – all exceeded expectations as to budgeted surpluses. In addition, our investments did very well and showed a very large increase in paper value.

We ended the year with a surplus, and the BOD voted to donate \$10,000 to the NMRA Diamond Fund to allow a large increase in the number of scanned images (drawings, photos, and slides) that will be posted on the NMRA website for member use and purchase. There are currently approximately 28,000 images available.

The BOD also approved a conservative budget for 2017. The budget is planned to meet our needs, including some flexibility to celebrate the 50th annual show with some extra flair.

As noted in the summary chart of our total assets, the Division is in a strong financial position going forward. If you have questions, please ask.

Submitted by Frank Koch, Division 7 Treasurer

CINCINNATI DIVISION 7, MCR, NMRA INC - 2016 RESULTS & 2017 BUDGET

	2016				2017	
	Budget		Actual		Budget	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Fall Show	\$22,000.00	\$14,700.00	\$23,231.00	\$12,869.48	\$22,000.00	\$14,700.00
Car Projects	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$14,794.34	\$6,877.51	\$7,000.00	\$7,200.00
Flea Market	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,256.00	\$3,267.43	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00
Div./Int./Invest	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$8,690.73	\$0.00	\$3,600.00	\$0.00
Company Store	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,428.65	\$1,216.93	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Convention (2018)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$165.80	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$496.97	\$897.56	\$500.00	\$1,400.00
Raffle	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$347.00	\$139.50	\$400.00	\$500.00
BSA Merit Badge	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$230.00	\$52.96	\$200.00	\$500.00
Excursions	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,860.00	\$2,223.38	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations/Memorials	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$10,200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Contest	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.17	\$0.00	\$150.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$222.94	\$0.00	\$300.00
Video Library	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$367.93	\$0.00	\$500.00
Community Service	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Program	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$708.82	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Oil Can	\$0.00	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	\$1,286.19	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Phone/PO Box/Web/Locker	\$0.00	\$1,952.00	\$0.00	\$2,099.33	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Admin/Awards/Membership	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$103.64	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
Total	\$35,500.00	\$34,102.00	\$59,334.69	\$42,799.57	\$40,700.00	\$39,850.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$1,398.00		\$16,535.12		\$850.00	

Total Assets (12/31/2016)

Checking Account	\$14,395.62
Postal Account	\$2,361.85
Investment Account	<u>\$88,737.71</u>
Total Assets (12/31/2016)	\$105,495.18

LAYOUT VISIT to Jim Stewart's HO Layout



Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by John Burchnell



Photo by John Shields



Photo by Dave Puthoff

LAYOUT VISIT to Dave Nenna's N-scale Layout



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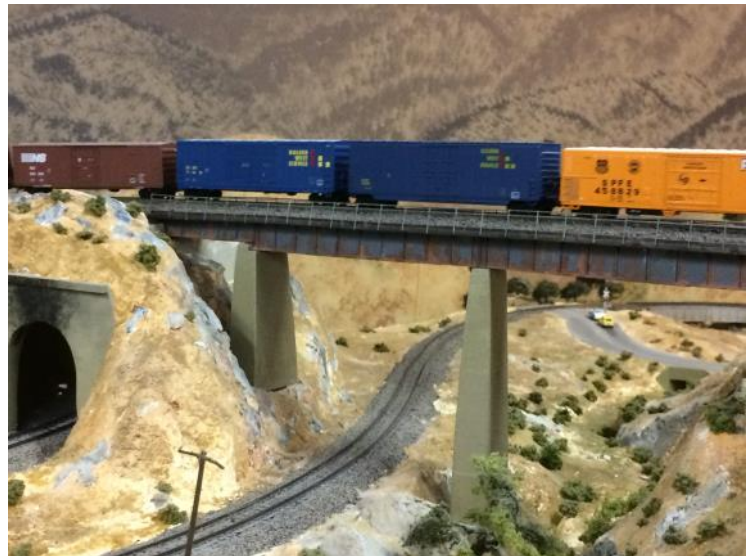


Photo by John Shields



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LAYOUT VISIT to Dave Nenna's N-scale Layout



Photos by John Shields

Advance Orders for "Cincinnati Express" Short Sleeve Shirts



Both in Royal Blue with pocket and new "Cincinnati Express" embroidered logo



- Indicate **Logo Side**:
- above pocket (default)
 - opposite pocket



Regular Shirt (Jerzees)

2 button, 50/50 cotton/poly, 5.6 oz. Jersey Knit Polo

S, M, L, XL = **\$22 + tax**
 2XL, 3XL, 4XL = **\$24 + tax**

Ladies version available w/o pocket for \$2 less

Premium Shirt (Cornerstone)

3 button, polyester, 6.8 oz Industrial Pique Polo

S, M, L, XL = **\$30 + tax**, 2XL = **\$32 + tax**, 3XL = **\$34 + tax**,
 4XL = **\$36 + tax**, 5XL = **\$38 + tax**, 6XL = **\$40 + tax**

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Mail with check or money order to:
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P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

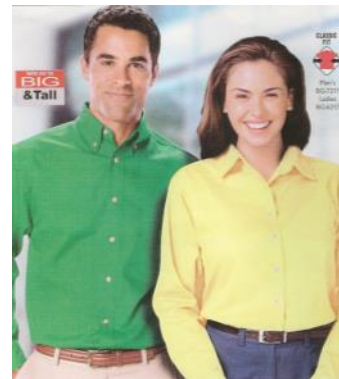
Circle/check above the **Shirt Type**, **Size**, **Price** and **Logo Side**
 Email Paul at company-store1@cincy-div7.org for shipping costs
All must add **7% sales tax** to total (after shipping if needed)
 Make check payable to: **Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

"Cincinnati Express" Long Sleeve Shirts



Teflon Coated Blue Generation Shirts, all in brilliant Royal Blue with "Cincinnati Express" embroidered logo

adjustable cuffs, 6.5 oz., 65/35 poly/cotton, stain and wrinkle resistant, fully buttoned front, soft touch finish



Men's Shirt

Pocket w/pencil area, button down collar, logo on side opposite pocket, double back yoke, side back pleats
 Men's S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Ladies Shirt

No pocket, logo on left side, spread collar w/o buttons, curved bottom to wear in or out, ladies fitted style
 Ladies S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Men's Shirt

Ladies Shirt

All shirts the same price
\$32 + shipping (if needed) + **7% tax**
 (7% tax on total with shipping)

Name:		Phone:	
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:		Email:	

Mail with check or money order to:
Cincinnati Division 7 Company Store
P.O. Box 76010
Highland Heights, KY 41076

Please circle above the **Shirt Type** (Men's or Ladies) and **Size**
 Email Paul at company-store1@cincy-div7.org for shipping costs
All must add **7% sales tax** to total (after shipping if needed)
 Make check payable to: **Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA**

DIVISION 7 - CLASSIFIED ADS

As a benefit to Division 7 members, the Oil Can will offer to list free Classified Ads to allow members to sell railroad-related items. A few other Divisions offer such a program. The Board has approved a trial of 6 months; after which the program will be re-evaluated. If you have items to sell, please review the Rules, and send an email to editor@cincy-div7.org

CLASSIFIED AD RULES:

Item(s) must be railroad related.

Seller must be a Member of Division 7 MCR NMRA.

Listing description shall be 30 words or less.

Item(s) can be displayed for a maximum of three (3) months. Oil Can Editor will assign a Listing Number that will include the last month of listing. (E.g., "xx-July 2015" would indicate Listing xx will be listed through the July 2015 Oil Can).

Seller must list name, and either Phone Number and/or Email, so the interested Buyer can contact Seller. It will not be listed without them. **(NOTE: Seller agrees to allow contact information to be published in the Oilcan, which is published on the Internet).**


A single photo may be submitted for each listing.

Limit of three (3) listings from same Seller at any one time.

Seller shall email Oil Can Editor if item is sold so it can be removed from page.

All transactions are between the Buyer and the Seller.

Oilcan Editor reserves the right to edit listing if needed, and will notify Seller of edit prior to publication.

Picture	Description	Price	Name	Phone, or Email	Listing No.
	(2) Micro Engineering LH Turnouts, Code 70, new in package	\$12 each	Chuck Endreola	chuckendreola@yahoo.com	21-Jan-17
	HO Scale Photographic Landscape Backdrop Panels 70" x 14" printed on 3mm PVC	\$25 each All 5 for \$100	Gary Ossenschmidt	garyo1@fuse.net	23-Feb-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam Parfitt Announcement of Great Northern Railway Operating Session

Anyone interested in an operating session on the GN railway, **please email** me for any additional information.

Some of you may remember that we had operating sessions back in the 80's and 90's.

Time/date: 7 PM, Saturday, Feb. 18

You may bring your own engines to operate instead of operating my engines.

Usual stats:

Time: 1938. All steam and electrics.

The GN railway is a point to point railroad, 400' mainline with two 400 car yards at Seattle, Wash and St Paul, Minn, each having 20+ track turntables.

Minimum radius, 48" with #10 turnouts.

Track all hand laid on individual wooden ties. 100% scenery.

Four track 12' ore dock.

Interface railroads: NP, SP&S, Milwaukee, DM&IR, UP, SP, D&RGW and CN.

Also, two engineers can run the logging railroad.

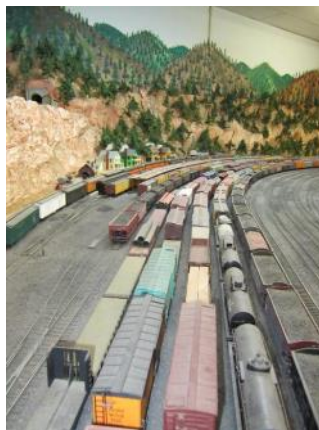
For additional pictures see:

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/topic/great-northern-railway?page=1>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOINT MEETING - Div. 7 & Cincinnati Railroad Club on APRIL 9

Michael Abraham is the guest speaker at the Sunday, April 9, 2017 meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter of the National Model Railroad Association. The meeting is at 2 pm in the main hall of Harmony Lodge, located at 646 East Epworth Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45232.

Michael is a native of Christiansburg, Virginia and a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has had a varied career in engineering, sales, marketing, business management, and real estate management. He currently splits his time between the management of an industrial building in Christiansburg and his writing career.

Michael lives in Blacksburg, Virginia with his wife, two dogs, and four motorcycles. He is a member of the Blacksburg Rotary Club. He and his wife have one adult daughter.

Chasing the Powhatan Arrow is Michael's eighth book, and is the subject of his presentation on April 9. All his books are about Virginia and West Virginia. The others are:

Keepers of the Tradition - a non-fiction compilation of portraits of contemporary Appalachians.

Orange, VA - a novel of political intrigue.

War, WV - a novel of the fight for justice in the Appalachian coal fields.

Providence, VA - a novel of inner strength found in adversity.

Harmonic Highways - a non-fiction look at Virginia's Crooked Road.

Union, WV - a novel of loss, healing, and redemption in contemporary Appalachia.

The Spine of the Virginias - a non-fiction account of journeys along the border of Virginia and West Virginia.

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2017 Railroad Prototype Modeler (RPM) - East Prototype Modeler Meet

WHEN: March 24 & 25, 2017

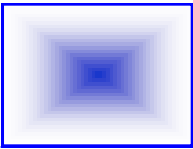
WHERE: Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center
100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

HOW MUCH: Early Bird registration is only \$35 until March 1.
The Saturday banquet cost is \$28.
A single-day registration of \$20 is available.
A special hotel room rate of \$104 per night.

START TIME: Clinics begin at 1 pm on Friday March 24 and run to 10 pm.
Saturday March 25, clinics begin at 9 am and run to 10 pm.

WEBSITE: http://hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

Eric Hansmann
Division 2 - MCR



KNAPP'S NOTES

by Bruce Knapp

Here We Go Again!

I can't believe it is 2017; I was just adjusting to 2016. I feel I just submitted my column for January and it's time for February's article already. Wow! How time flies when you are having fun. I need to start off by thanking John Shields for taking over my duties for the December meeting and doing an outstanding job; while I am at it, also thanking John for being a great listener. John had very similar experiences as his wife battled pulmonary problems and has become a super source of support. Getting back to Division 7 business, I am now looking forward to our next big project, the annual Division 7 Flea Market. We can always use a huge amount of member support in assisting with set-up, tear-down, and the Admissions table. Make sure you sign up at the February meeting. Remember bring plenty of cash, as I plan to have items that you REALLY need.

Our Tradition of Outstanding Clinics Continue

Clinics and clinicians do a lot to promote the hobby and improve the average modeler's efforts. Division 7 does a lot to continue to improve the state of modeling in this area. I certainly learned a lot from Terry Luginbuhl's presentation on the basics of DCC. Over the years, many nationally recognized practitioners in our hobby have inspired all of us to try new things, or redo past efforts (mistakes). Division 7 meetings, region conventions, and national conventions have broadened my knowledge of this wonderful hobby/art form.

Terry has done a very valuable series of clinics on model railroad electronics at Tim's Trains and Hobbies, in Latonia, KY. Bill Edwards and Paul Godwin also do an excellent series of clinics on scenery. Let me go on record as stating no one has ever been injured at one of Bill's clinics (as far as we know). The one incident of Bill shooting rockets at another clinician has never been proven, but I would suggest the following: (1) wear your U.K. blue and white, and (2) save any really stupid questions/comments for the end of each clinic. I also would like to make it clear that modeling the Santa Fe is more than just pouring sand on a 4 by 8 sheet of plywood (see below). Seriously, all of Tim's clinicians are good guys and excellent teachers; attend these clinics, they are well worth your time and effort.

W.M.P.A. is still watching

Speaking of "here we go again" --- there are still some derogatory comments being made about the wonderful west and its outstanding railroads. Pat Homan, Chuck Endreola, and I are ever vigilant to the slightest indication of negativity about the west. I don't want to alarm anyone, but Chuck's cousin Vinny would like to pay a visit to any of "you'se" who don't get the message. When you speak of the Burlington, Colorado Midland, the D&RGW, the Great Northern, or the MIGHTY SANTA FE, please do so in a reverent manner. Pat Homan, Chuck Endreola, and I understand many of you are not up to the challenge of western modeling, and we sympathize, but let's go easy on the un-warranted criticism. Vinny is also a western modeler, and you don't want to offend him. Enough said!

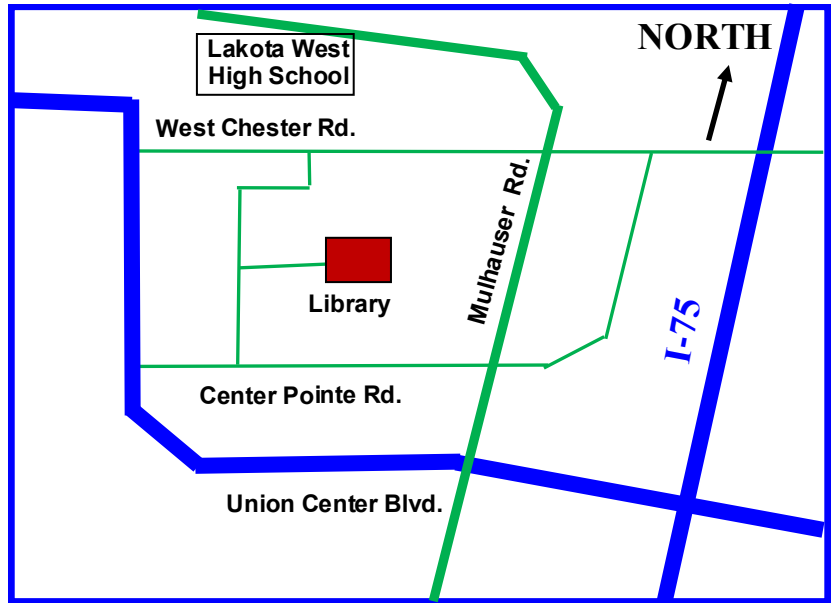
"Keep 'm rolling"

Bruce

Next Meeting
2 PM Sunday February 12
West Chester Library
 9363 Center Pointe Drive
 West Chester OH 45069

Directions:

From I-75: Exit Union Center Blvd.
 Right to Mulhauser Rd.
 Left to Center Pointe Road
 Library is on your right.



Coming Down the Line

Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA
2017 Schedule

NOTE: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS START AT 2 PM
 (Unless otherwise notified)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Program/Speaker</u>	<u>Layout Visits</u>	<u>Contest Topic</u>
2/12	West Chester Library West Chester	Mark Albert <i>Modeling the Crosley Factory</i>	Sam Parfitt Ed Bley	<u>Models:</u> Hopper Cars <u>Photos:</u> People Working on RR
3/11 --- NO DIV. 7 MEETING ---- Annual Flea Market at Lakota West Freshman School ---- 10 am to 3 pm				
4/9	Harmony Lodge Spring Grove Village	Michael Abraham <i>Chasing the Powhatan Arrow</i>	Dan Hadley Cinti. Model Rwy. Club	<u>Models:</u> MOW Equipment <u>Photos:</u> MOW Equipment

Around the Division
2017

2/16	Lebanon Modelers - Lebanon OH
3/1	Ross Train Show & Sale - Ross OH
3/11	Div. 7 Flea Market - Lakota West Freshman

Region / National
2017

3/24 - 3/25	Railroad Prototype Modelers - Greensburg PA
5/18 - 5/21	Mid-Central Convention - Louisville KY
7/30 - 8/6	NMRA National Convention - Orlando FL

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